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measure has been adopted at Santos, where the disinfection stations have been closed, and also those on the English line, and on Sorocaba line, at Pary, and at the city of Sao Paulo.

Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: January 25, steamship *Cheronea*, British, for Philadelphia. January 29, barkentine *Frances*, American, for Baltimore. January 30, barkentine *Annie Smith*, British, for New York. January 31, bark *Francis S. Hampshire*, American, for New York; bark *Julia Rollins*, American, for Baltimore.

Respectfully,

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Quarantine station at Para in operation.

PETROPOLIS, BRAZIL, *January 3, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that through the representations and efforts of the British legation here the Brazilian Government has equipped and put into actual operation the quarantine station at Para.

As the Department has doubtless been heretofore advised, the coast quarantine regulations of this Government contemplate and provide for on paper three stations: One at Ilha Grande, near Rio de Janeiro, and convenient to that port and Santos; another at Tamandaré, a little to the south of Pernambuco; and the last near Para. The first alone has been in operation, and the consequent inconvenience to commerce of being obliged to go out of its way several thousand miles to undergo quarantine has been very great. The actual establishment of this new station will be of great importance to ships bound for the Amazon and northern coast ports. In case of quarantine against the United States it would also possibly be of value to vessels coming from our ports and desiring to stop at Natal, Pernambuco, Macrio, Aracaju, or Bahia, if they were previously advised of the necessity for going into quarantine. It is to be hoped that the establishment of the station at Tamandaré, designed to serve the central ports will not long be delayed.

When available, I will forward a copy of the regulations applicable to the station just established.

Respectfully,

THOMAS C. DAWSON.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

Modified quarantine of Santos.

PETROPOLIS, BRAZIL, *January 3, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to inclose a copy and translation of a note recently received from the minister of foreign affairs, announcing that communication is now allowed with the port of Santos under certain restrictions.

I have also the honor to inform you that I am informed unofficially that a number of cases have appeared at the interior city of Sao Paulo, and rigid measures are being taken to prevent the further spread of the bubonic plague in the State of which it is the capital.

Respectfully,

THOMAS C. DAWSON.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.